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22 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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24 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

25 The Icon at Panorama, LLC,
26 Plaintiff,
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28 vs.
29 Southwest Regional Council of
30 Carpenters, et al.,
31 Defendants.

32 Case No. 2:19-cv-00181-CBM-MRW

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34 **STIPULATED [PROPOSED]
35 PROTECTIVE ORDER**

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1 1. INTRODUCTION

2 1.1 PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

3 Discovery in this action is likely to involve production of confidential,
4 proprietary, or private information for which special protection from public
5 disclosure and from use for any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation may
6 be warranted. Accordingly, the parties hereby stipulate to and petition the Court to
7 enter the following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties acknowledge that this
8 Order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses to
9 discovery and that the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends
10 only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment
11 under the applicable legal principles. The parties further acknowledge, as set forth
12 in Section 12.3, below, that this Stipulated Protective Order does not entitle them to
13 file confidential information under seal; Civil Local Rule 79-5 sets forth the
14 procedures that must be followed and the standards that will be applied when a
15 party seeks permission from the court to file material under seal.

16 1.2 GOOD CAUSE STATEMENT

17 a. Plaintiff Icon: As alleged in the Second Amended Complaint, this
18 case involves a much-needed (and much-supported) mixed-use complex in
19 Panorama City that plaintiff The Icon at Panorama, LLC (“Icon”) seeks to build.
20 However, the Union Defendants (Carpenters and Laborers and associated
21 individuals), with the help of the Union Defendants’ consultants — defendants
22 SWAPE, LLC (SWAPE) and Smith Engineering & Management, Inc. (“SEM”) —
23 have prevented Icon from building the Project by repeatedly filing bogus
24 environmental challenges under the California Environmental Quality Act
25 (“CEQA”) unless and until Icon caves to the Unions’ demands to use exclusively
26 union labor on its projects. The Unions also used their other unlawful agreements
27 with contractors and developers to pressure Icon to cede to their demands. The
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1 Unions used this unlawful playbook over and over again to dominate the labor
2 market on large projects in and around Los Angeles County.

3 Since April 2017, the Unions have filed more than 27 challenges to the
4 Project before 4 different government agencies. The Unions lost at every step of the
5 administrative process; after more than two years of litigation the Unions prevailed
6 on two narrow grounds (that the City did not follow CEQA in approving the
7 Project) that were not raised by the Unions until the final stages of review.

8 Icon alleges that the Unions are attempting to and engaging in a conspiracy
9 to monopolize the labor market in violation of § 2 of the Sherman Act; directing a
10 group boycott in violation of § 1 of the Act; and engaging in a conspiracy to enter
11 into an exclusive dealing arrangement in violation of § 1 of the Act. Icon further
12 alleges that the Unions committed unfair labor practices (for which they are liable
13 in money damages under the Labor Management Relations Act) by unlawfully
14 inducing contractors to boycott Icon in violation of the National Labor Relations
15 Act (“NLRA”) § 8(b)(4)(i) and coercing Icon to sign a union-exclusivity agreement
16 in violation of NLRA § 8(b)(4)(ii).

17 The above claims raise the following issues on which discovery will be
18 taken:

- 19 • Defendants’ CEQA challenges are objectively and subjectively
20 baseless, and therefore, not protected by the First Amendment. Put
21 differently, they are within the “sham” exception to the *Noerr-*
22 *Pennington* doctrine and are not immune from antitrust liability.
- 23 • Defendants are attempting and conspiring to monopolize the labor
24 market for large construction projects in and adjacent to Los Angeles
25 County. Through their anticompetitive tactics, the Unions (with the
26 help of the other Defendants) seek to boost their own membership rolls
27 (and thus their revenue from dues) by excluding nonunion contractors

1 from the labor market for such construction projects in and adjacent to
2 Los Angeles County.

- 3 • The Relevant Market is the sale of labor on large real estate projects
4 within or adjacent to Los Angeles County, California. Such large real
5 estate projects include (but are not limited to) those that fall within the
6 purview of the Department of City Planning's "Major Projects Unit,"
7 which enables the Department to conduct a more thorough and focused
8 analysis of large, complex projects that have the potential to generate
9 the most significant effects on the City's infrastructure, local economy,
10 and environment.
- 11 • The Unions (with the help of the other Defendants and third parties)
12 have orchestrated a group boycott whereby participating general
13 contractors will not work with any developer who does not agree to
14 use exclusively union contractors.
- 15 • Through the use of "most-favored nation" and similar clauses,
16 Defendants are attempting to and conspiring to enter into unlawful
17 exclusive dealing arrangements with developers and contractors in the
18 Relevant Market.
- 19 • Defendants are not entitled to invoke the statutory and nonstatutory
20 labor exemptions to antitrust liability because they have joined with
21 non-labor groups, are not engaged in a legitimate union activity (i.e.,
22 seeking to organize Icon's employees), and seek to coerce agreements
23 to use exclusively union contractors outside the context of collective
24 bargaining.
- 25 • Defendants antitrust violations have caused a "competitive injury" to
26 the Relevant Market, including but not limited to foreclosing nonunion
27 contractors, higher labor costs, and a shortage of low cost housing.

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1 • The agreement Defendants sought from Icon (and obtained from other
2 developers) violates the NLRA and would have forced Icon to stop
3 doing business with nonunion contractors. The agreement Defendants
4 sought does not fall within the construction industry proviso of Section
5 8(e) of the NLRA because there is no collective bargaining
6 relationship at issue, particularly where Icon has no employees for the
7 Unions to represent, and because Icon is not an “employer in the
8 construction industry.”

9 Additionally, Icon seeks past and future damages resulting from Defendants’
10 anticompetitive and otherwise unlawful conduct in violation of federal antitrust
11 statutes and the Labor Management Relations Act, 29 U.S.C. § 187. Icon contends
12 it has suffered, continues to suffer, and will suffer harm related to increased labor
13 costs, project delays, and defending itself against the Unions’ sham litigation
14 tactics, including but not limited to project carrying costs, lost opportunity costs,
15 lost profits and attorneys’ fees.

16 Based on the above claims and issues in this case, Icon anticipates that
17 discovery of sensitive, confidential and proprietary business and financial
18 information will be sought, such as: financial analyses of proposed development
19 projects (cost, revenue, margins, etc.); budget analyses of ongoing projects; profit
20 and loss statements; and construction plans and drawings containing confidential
21 design information. Disclosure of sensitive, confidential and proprietary business
22 and financial information in civil discovery should be done only under properly
23 fashioned protective orders. *See, e.g., Evolv Health, LLC v. Cosway USA, Inc.*,
24 2017 WL 3048651, at *2 n. 2 (C.D. Cal. Apr. 21, 2017) (a protective order
25 sufficiently addresses “concerns regarding the disclosure of proprietary
26 information”); *EFT Holdings, Inc. v. CTX Virtual Tech., Inc.*, 2016 WL 11519280,
27 at *3 (C.D. Cal. Nov. 3, 2016) (district courts allow “disclosure of financial
28 information in civil discovery under properly fashioned protective orders”).

1 DEFENDANTS' STATEMENT: This case involves a collateral attack in
2 federal court on successful litigation by two unions ("Union Defendants") against
3 Plaintiff's development project for CEQA violations in Los Angeles Superior Court
4 and an attempt to convert Union Defendants' efforts to resolve that dispute (*i.e.*
5 settlement-related discussions) into an anti-trust (and related LMRA Section 303,
6 29 U.S.C. Section 187) claim. It also involves an effort to uncover the Union
7 Defendants' litigation and settlement strategy in connection with lawful petitioning
8 efforts—in administrative and judicial fora, as well as associated lobbying of
9 municipal officials—in an effort to impose damages and otherwise deter or
10 preclude the Union Defendants from engaging in such efforts. As such, whether
11 this issue is decided after preliminary, limited discovery in which the applicability
12 of Noerr-Pennington immunity to the dispute is--along with potentially dispositive
13 issues related to whether any alleged harm/injury/damages to Plaintiff arose solely
14 from this single proceeding--the key threshold legal issue (*see Franchise Realty*
15 *Interstate Corp. v. S.F. Local Joint Exec. Bd. of Culinary Workers*, 542 F.2d 1076,
16 1082 (9th Cir. 1976), or after a broader range of discovery, it is clear that facts
17 Plaintiff seeks to adduce relate to the Union Defendants' organizing, litigation and
18 strategies, including their political and other policy goals and their methodologies
19 for conducting their efforts to achieve them. These issues necessarily implicate
20 Union and other Defendants' trade secrets, attorney-client privilege, work product
21 privilege and other data which derives its value and efficacy from its non-public
22 nature, including the contents of the Union Defendants' agreements with other
23 entities (which may be of value to their competitors). Moreover, the damages and
24 injury issues Plaintiff must prove also likely implicate cost and other data related to
25 Plaintiff's development efforts that also derives its value from its non-public nature.

26 The extensiveness of the need for a protective order here is further illustrated
27 by the following disputed issues:

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1 • whether the agreement sought was within the construction industry
2 proviso of § 8(e) of the NLRA, 29 U.S.C.S. § 158(e), which turns in part on
3 decisions by the other party to the agreement with respect to its intended
4 involvement in the retention of workers and other labor relations questions—
5 matters that most employers would not want to make available to their competitors
6 and, possibly, might want to withhold from potential vendors in order to obtain
7 more competitive bids or other financial advantage;

8 • the scope of Plaintiff's injury, which turns on Plaintiff's cost and other
9 estimates and whether Plaintiff can show that an injury was incurred "by reason of"
10 the alleged § 8(b)(4) violation;

11 • what the Union Defendants' objectives are and how the Union
12 Defendants and their alleged agents went about trying to achieve them;

13 • the extent, if any, that the Union Defendants' actual objectives
14 correspond to the anti-competitive scheme alleged and whether the nature and
15 scope of those objectives is a proper predicate for anti-trust and labor law liability
16 or, instead, constitute fully lawful union objectives legally insulated from the
17 imposition of such liability;

18 • whether the Union Defendants' activities are the pursuit of a legitimate
19 labor objective immune from anti-trust scrutiny and, if not, whether they are
20 justified by a rule of reason, which, in itself, turns on internal business decisions
21 and calculations made by the Union Defendants; and

22 • whether the allegedly anti-competitive effects posed a dangerous
23 probability of obtaining a monopoly in the relevant market and constitute a
24 cognizable anti-trust injury.

25 Accordingly, to expedite the flow of information, to facilitate the prompt
26 resolution of disputes over confidentiality of discovery materials, to adequately
27 protect information the Parties are entitled to keep confidential, to ensure that the
28 Parties are permitted reasonable necessary uses of such material in preparation for

1 and in the conduct of trial, to address their handling at the end of the litigation, and
2 to serve the ends of justice, a protective order for such information is justified in
3 this matter. It is the intent of the Parties that information will not be designated as
4 confidential for tactical reasons and that nothing be so designated without a good
5 faith belief that it has been maintained in a confidential, non-public manner and
6 there is good cause why it should not be part of the public record of this case.

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8 2. DEFINITIONS

9 2.1 Action: *The Icon at Panorama, LLC v. Southwest Regional Council of*
10 *Carpenters, et al.*, Case No. 2:19-CV-181-CBM (MRW), pending in the U.S.
11 District Court for the Central District of California.

12 2.2 Challenging Party: a Party or Non-Party that challenges the
13 designation of information or items under this Order.

14 2.3 “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items: information (regardless of
15 how it is generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for
16 protection under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), and as specified above in
17 the Good Cause Statement.

18 2.4 Counsel: Outside Counsel of Record and House Counsel (as well as
19 their support staff).

20 2.5 Designating Party: a Party or Non-Party that designates information or
21 items that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as
22 “CONFIDENTIAL.”

23 2.6 Disclosure or Discovery Material: all items or information, regardless
24 of the medium or manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained (including,
25 among other things, testimony, transcripts, and tangible things), that are produced
26 or generated in disclosures or responses to discovery in this matter.

27 2.7 Expert: a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter
28 pertinent to the litigation who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as

1 an expert witness or as a consultant in this Action.

2 2.8 House Counsel: attorneys who are employees of a party to this Action.
3 House Counsel does not include Outside Counsel of Record or any other outside
4 counsel.

5 2.9 Non-Party: any natural person, partnership, corporation, association,
6 or other legal entity not named as a Party to this action.

7 2.10 Outside Counsel of Record: attorneys who are not employees of a
8 party to this Action but are retained to represent or advise a party to this Action and
9 have appeared in this Action on behalf of that party or are affiliated with a law firm
10 which has appeared on behalf of that party, and includes support staff.

11 2.11 Party: any party to this Action, including all of its officers, directors,
12 employees, consultants, retained experts, and Outside Counsel of Record (and their
13 support staffs).

14 2.12 Producing Party: a Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or
15 Discovery Material in this Action.

16 2.13 Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation
17 support services (e.g., photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or
18 demonstrations, and organizing, storing, or retrieving data in any form or medium)
19 and their employees and subcontractors.

20 2.14 Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is
21 designated as "CONFIDENTIAL."

22 2.15 Receiving Party: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery
23 Material from a Producing Party.

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25 3. SCOPE

26 The protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order cover not only
27 Protected Material (as defined above), but also (1) any information copied or
28 extracted from Protected Material; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or

1 compilations of Protected Material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or
2 presentations by Parties or their Counsel, including during the course of depositions
3 and in correspondence between/among counsel, that might reveal Protected
4 Material.

5 Any use of Protected Material at trial will be governed by the orders of the
6 trial judge. This Order does not govern the use of Protected Material at trial.

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8 4. DURATION

9 Even after final disposition of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations
10 imposed by this Order will remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees
11 otherwise in writing or a court order otherwise directs. Final disposition will be
12 deemed to be the later of (1) dismissal of all claims and defenses in this Action,
13 with or without prejudice; and (2) final judgment herein after the completion and
14 exhaustion of all appeals, rehearings, remands, trials, or reviews of this Action,
15 including the time limits for filing any motions or applications for extension of time
16 pursuant to applicable law.

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18 5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

19 5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection.
20 Each Party or Non-Party that designates information or items for protection under
21 this Order must take care to limit any such designation to specific material that
22 qualifies under the appropriate standards. The Designating Party must designate for
23 protection only those parts of material, documents, items, or oral or written
24 communications that qualify so that other portions of the material, documents,
25 items, or communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept
26 unjustifiably within the ambit of this Order.

27 Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations
28 that are shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper

1 purpose (e.g., to unnecessarily encumber the case development process or to
2 impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the
3 Designating Party to sanctions.

4 If it comes to a Designating Party's attention that information or items that it
5 designated for protection do not qualify for protection, that Designating Party must
6 promptly notify all other Parties that it is withdrawing the inapplicable designation.

7 **5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations.** Except as otherwise provided in
8 this Order (see, e.g., second paragraph of section 5.2(a) below), or as otherwise
9 stipulated or ordered, Disclosure or Discovery Material that qualifies for protection
10 under this Order must be clearly so designated before the material is disclosed or
11 produced.

12 Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

13 (a) for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic
14 documents, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial
15 proceedings), that the Producing Party affix at a minimum, the legend
16 “CONFIDENTIAL” (hereinafter “CONFIDENTIAL legend”), to each page that
17 contains protected material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page
18 qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected
19 portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins).

20 A Party or Non-Party that makes original documents available for inspection
21 need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has indicated
22 which documents it would like copied and produced. During the inspection and
23 before the designation, all of the material made available for inspection will be
24 deemed “CONFIDENTIAL.” After the inspecting Party has identified the
25 documents it wants copied and produced, the Producing Party must determine
26 which documents, or portions thereof, qualify for protection under this Order. Then,
27 before producing the specified documents, the Producing Party must affix the
28 “CONFIDENTIAL legend” to each page that contains Protected Material. If only a

1 portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing
2 Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making
3 appropriate markings in the margins).

4 (b) for testimony given in depositions that the Designating Party identify the
5 Disclosure or Discovery Material to be designated as Confidential (i) on the record
6 during the deposition, or (ii) within thirty (30) calendar days of the receipt of the
7 official transcript of the deposition, by providing the other Parties written notice of
8 the page and line numbers of the transcript to be designated as Confidential .

9 (c) for information produced in some form other than documentary and for
10 any other tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the
11 exterior of the container or containers in which the information is stored the legend
12 "CONFIDENTIAL." If only a portion or portions of the information warrants
13 protection, the Producing Party, to the extent practicable, will identify the protected
14 portion(s).

15 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent
16 failure to designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive
17 the Designating Party's right to secure protection under this Order for such
18 material. Upon timely correction of a designation, the Receiving Party must make
19 reasonable efforts to assure that the material is treated in accordance with the
20 provisions of this Order.

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22 6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

23 6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a
24 designation of confidentiality at any time that is consistent with the Court's
25 Scheduling Order.

26 6.2 Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party will initiate the dispute
27 resolution process (and, if necessary, file a discovery motion) under Local Rule
28 37.1 et seq.

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[REDACTED] The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding
5 will be on the Designating Party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for an
6 improper purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on
7 other parties) may expose the Challenging Party to sanctions. Unless the
8 Designating Party has waived or withdrawn the confidentiality designation, all
9 parties will continue to afford the material in question the level of protection to
10 which it is entitled under the Producing Party's designation until the Court rules on
11 the challenge.

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13 7. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

14 7.1 Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is
15 disclosed or produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with this
16 Action only for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this Action. Such
17 Protected Material may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the
18 conditions described in this Order. When the Action has been terminated, a
19 Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of section 13 below (FINAL
20 DISPOSITION).

21 Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a
22 location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons
23 authorized under this Order.

24 7.2 Disclosure of "CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items. Unless
25 otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a
26 Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated
27 "CONFIDENTIAL" only to:

28 (a) the Receiving Party's Outside Counsel of Record in this Action, as well

1 as employees, including consultants, staffing agency employees and independent
2 contractors, of said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably necessary
3 to disclose the information for this Action;

4 (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including House Counsel) of the
5 Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action;

6 (c) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom
7 disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the
8 "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A);

9 (d) the Court and its personnel;

10 (e) court reporters and their staff;

11 (f) professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors, and Professional
12 Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have
13 signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A);

14 (g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a
15 custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information;

16 (h) during their depositions, witnesses, and attorneys for witnesses, in the
17 Action to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary provided: (1) the deposing party
18 requests that the witness sign the form attached as Exhibit A hereto; and (2) they
19 will not be permitted to keep any confidential information unless they sign the
20 "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A), unless otherwise
21 agreed by the Designating Party or ordered by the court. Pages of transcribed
22 deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected Material may
23 be separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone
24 except as permitted under this Stipulated Protective Order; and

25 (i) any mediator or settlement officer, and their supporting personnel,
26 mutually agreed upon by any of the parties engaged in settlement discussions.

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1 8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED
2 IN OTHER LITIGATION

3 If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation
4 that compels disclosure of any information or items designated in this Action as
5 “CONFIDENTIAL,” that Party must:

6 (a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such notification will
7 include a copy of the subpoena or court order;

8 (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to
9 issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena
10 or order is subject to this Protective Order. Such notification will include a copy of
11 this Stipulated Protective Order; and

12 (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued
13 by the Designating Party whose Protected Material may be affected.

14 If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served with
15 the subpoena or court order will not produce any information designated in this
16 action as “CONFIDENTIAL” before a determination by the court from which the
17 subpoena or order issued, unless the Party has obtained the Designating Party’s
18 permission. The Designating Party will bear the burden and expense of seeking
19 protection in that court of its confidential material and nothing in these provisions
20 should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving Party in this Action
21 to disobey a lawful directive from another court.

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23 9. A NON-PARTY’S PROTECTED MATERIAL SOUGHT TO BE
24 PRODUCED IN THIS LITIGATION

25 (a) The terms of this Order are applicable to information produced by a Non-
26 Party in this Action and designated as “CONFIDENTIAL.” Such information
27 produced by Non-Parties in connection with this litigation is protected by the
28 remedies and relief provided by this Order. Nothing in these provisions should be

1 construed as prohibiting a Non-Party from seeking additional protections.

2 (b) In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery request, to
3 produce a Non-Party's confidential information in its possession, and the Party is
4 subject to an agreement with the Non-Party not to produce the Non-Party's
5 confidential information, then the Party will:

6 (1) promptly notify in writing the Requesting Party and the Non-Party
7 that some or all of the information requested is subject to a confidentiality
8 agreement with a Non-Party;

9 (2) promptly provide the Non-Party with a copy of the Stipulated
10 Protective Order in this Action, the relevant discovery request(s), and a reasonably
11 specific description of the information requested; and

12 (3) make the information requested available for inspection by the Non-
13 Party, if requested.

14 (c) If all Parties so agree, the Non-Party, or a Party acting on behalf of itself
15 and the Non-Party, may seek a protective order from this Court by submitting a
16 Stipulation signed by all Parties and a proposed order, in lieu of filing a noticed
17 motion for a protective order pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 26(c). Otherwise, the Non-
18 Party must proceed by a noticed motion. If the Non-Party fails to seek a protective
19 order from this Court within 14 days of receiving the notice and accompanying
20 information, or such longer period of time as the Parties may agree, the Receiving
21 Party may produce the Non-Party's confidential information responsive to the
22 discovery request. If the Non-Party timely seeks a protective order, the Receiving
23 Party will not produce any information in its possession or control that is subject to
24 the confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before a determination by the
25 court. Absent a court order to the contrary, the Non-Party will bear the burden and
26 expense of seeking protection in this court of its Protected Material. If all Parties so
27 agree, the Non-Party may seek an order allocating the expense of seeking protection
28 in this court by submitting a Stipulation signed by all Parties, in lieu of filing a

1 noticed motion for such an order pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 26(c).
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3 10. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

4 If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed
5 Protected Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this
6 Stipulated Protective Order, the Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in
7 writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best
8 efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material, (c) inform the
9 person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of
10 this Order, and (d) request such person or persons to execute the “Acknowledgment
11 and Agreement to Be Bound” that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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13 11. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE
14 PROTECTED MATERIAL

15 When a Producing Party gives notice to Receiving Parties that certain
16 inadvertently produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other
17 protection, the obligations of the Receiving Parties are those set forth in Federal
18 Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This provision is not intended to modify
19 whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery order that provides for
20 production without prior privilege review. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence
21 502(d) and (e), insofar as the parties reach an agreement on the effect of disclosure
22 of a communication or information covered by the attorney-client privilege or work
23 product protection, the parties may incorporate their agreement in the stipulated
24 protective order submitted to the court.

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26 12. MISCELLANEOUS

27 12.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any
28 person to seek its modification by the Court in the future.

1 12.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to the entry of this
2 Protective Order no Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to
3 disclosing or producing any information or item on any ground not addressed in
4 this Stipulated Protective Order. Similarly, no Party waives any right to object on
5 any ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered by this Protective
6 Order.

7 12.3 Filing Protected Material. A Party that seeks to file under seal any
8 Protected Material must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5. Protected Material
9 may only be filed under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the
10 specific Protected Material at issue. If a Party's request to file Protected Material
11 under seal is denied by the court, then the Receiving Party may file the information
12 in the public record unless otherwise instructed by the court.

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14 13. FINAL DISPOSITION

15 After the final disposition of this Action, as defined in paragraph 4, within 60
16 days of a written request by the Designating Party, each Receiving Party must
17 return all Protected Material to the Producing Party or destroy such material. As
18 used in this subdivision, "all Protected Material" includes all copies, abstracts,
19 compilations, summaries, and any other format reproducing or capturing any of the
20 Protected Material. Whether the Protected Material is returned or destroyed, the
21 Receiving Party must submit a written certification to the Producing Party (and, if
22 not the same person or entity, to the Designating Party) by the 60 day deadline that
23 (1) identifies (by category, where appropriate) all the Protected Material that was
24 returned or destroyed and (2) affirms that the Receiving Party has not retained any
25 copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries or any other format reproducing or
26 capturing any of the Protected Material. Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel
27 are entitled to retain an archival copy of all pleadings, motion papers, trial,
28 deposition, and hearing transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence, deposition

1 and trial exhibits, expert reports, attorney work product, and consultant and expert
2 work product, even if such materials contain Protected Material. Any such archival
3 copies that contain or constitute Protected Material remain subject to this Protective
4 Order as set forth in Section 4 (DURATION).

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6 14. Any willful violation of this Order may be punished by civil or criminal
7 contempt proceedings, financial or evidentiary sanctions, reference to disciplinary
8 authorities, or other appropriate action at the discretion of the Court.

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11 IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.

12 DATED: January 30, 2020 DENTONS US LLP

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13 FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, IT IS SO ORDERED.

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15 DATED: Jan. 31, 2020

/s/ Judge Wilner

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17 HON. MICHAEL R. WILNER
18 United States Magistrate Judge

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EXHIBIT A

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

I, [full name], of [full address], declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court for the Central District of California on [date] in the case of [insert case name and number]. I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.

I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Central District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action. I hereby appoint _____ [full name] of _____ [full address and telephone number] as my California agent for service of process in connection with this action or any proceedings related to enforcement of this Stipulated Protective Order.

Date: _____

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

17 The Icon at Panorama, LLC,
18 Plaintiff,
19 vs.
20 Southwest Regional Council of
21 Carpenters, et al.,
22 Defendants.

Case No.
2:19-cv-00181-CBM-MRW

**STIPULATED [PROPOSED]
PROTECTIVE ORDER**

~~(MRW VERSION 4/19)~~

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2 1. INTRODUCTION

3 1.1 PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

4 Discovery in this action is likely to involve production of confidential,
5 proprietary, or private information for which special protection from public
6 disclosure and from use for any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation may
7 be warranted. Accordingly, the parties hereby stipulate to and petition the Court to
8 enter the following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties acknowledge that this
9 Order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses to
10 discovery and that the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends
11 only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment
12 under the applicable legal principles. The parties further acknowledge, as set forth
13 in Section 12.3, below, that this Stipulated Protective Order does not entitle them
14 to file confidential information under seal; Civil Local Rule 79-5 sets forth the
15 procedures that must be followed and the standards that will be applied when a
16 party seeks permission from the court to file material under seal.

17 1.2 GOOD CAUSE STATEMENT

18 ~~The parties must provide a statement establishing good cause for the entry of
19 this pretrial protective order. Cf. Oliner v. Kontrabecki, 745 F.3d 1024, 1026
20 (9th Cir. 2014). The parties' statement must be specific to the facts and issues
21 of this case, including the nature of the action, the type of anticipated
22 discovery, and the potential resulting harm should relevant materials be
23 disclosed publicly. The parties are advised not to rely on boilerplate
24 assertions regarding good cause.~~

25 a. Plaintiff Icon: As alleged in the Second Amended Complaint, this
26 case involves a much-needed (and much-supported) mixed-use complex in
27 Panorama City that plaintiff The Icon at Panorama, LLC ("Icon") seeks to build.
28 However, the Union Defendants (Carpenters and Laborers and associated

1 individuals), with the help of the Union Defendants' consultants — defendants
2 SWAPE, LLC (SWAPE) and Smith Engineering & Management, Inc. ("SEM") —
3 have prevented Icon from building the Project by repeatedly filing bogus
4 environmental challenges under the California Environmental Quality Act
5 ("CEQA") unless and until Icon caves to the Unions' demands to use exclusively
6 union labor on its projects. The Unions also used their other unlawful agreements
7 with contractors and developers to pressure Icon to cede to their demands. The
8 Unions used this unlawful playbook over and over again to dominate the labor
9 market on large projects in and around Los Angeles County.

10 Since April 2017, the Unions have filed more than 27 challenges to the
11 Project before 4 different government agencies. The Unions lost at every step of
12 the administrative process; after more than two years of litigation the Unions
13 prevailed on two narrow grounds (that the City did not follow CEQA in approving
14 the Project) that were not raised by the Unions until the final stages of review.

15 Icon alleges that the Unions are attempting to and engaging in a conspiracy
16 to monopolize the labor market in violation of § 2 of the Sherman Act; directing a
17 group boycott in violation of § 1 of the Act; and engaging in a conspiracy to enter
18 into an exclusive dealing arrangement in violation of § 1 of the Act. Icon further
19 alleges that the Unions committed unfair labor practices (for which they are liable
20 in money damages under the Labor Management Relations Act) by unlawfully
21 inducing contractors to boycott Icon in violation of the National Labor Relations
22 Act ("NLRA") § 8(b)(4)(i) and coercing Icon to sign a union-exclusivity agreement
23 in violation of NLRA § 8(b)(4)(ii).

24 The above claims raise the following issues on which discovery will be
25 taken:

26 • Defendants' CEQA challenges are objectively and subjectively
27 baseless, and therefore, not protected by the First Amendment. Put

differently, they are within the “sham” exception to the *Noerr-Pennington* doctrine and are not immune from antitrust liability.

- Defendants are attempting and conspiring to monopolize the labor market for large construction projects in and adjacent to Los Angeles County. Through their anticompetitive tactics, the Unions (with the help of the other Defendants) seek to boost their own membership rolls (and thus their revenue from dues) by excluding nonunion contractors from the labor market for such construction projects in and adjacent to Los Angeles County.
- The Relevant Market is the sale of labor on large real estate projects within or adjacent to Los Angeles County, California. Such large real estate projects include (but are not limited to) those that fall within the purview of the Department of City Planning's "Major Projects Unit," which enables the Department to conduct a more thorough and focused analysis of large, complex projects that have the potential to generate the most significant effects on the City's infrastructure, local economy, and environment.
- The Unions (with the help of the other Defendants and third parties) have orchestrated a group boycott whereby participating general contractors will not work with any developer who does not agree to use exclusively union contractors.
- Through the use of "most-favored nation" and similar clauses, Defendants are attempting to and conspiring to enter into unlawful exclusive dealing arrangements with developers and contractors in the Relevant Market.

- 1 • Defendants are not entitled to invoke the statutory and nonstatutory
2 labor exemptions to antitrust liability because they have joined with
3 non-labor groups, are not engaged in a legitimate union activity (i.e.,
4 seeking to organize Icon's employees), and seek to coerce agreements
5 to use exclusively union contractors outside the context of collective
6 bargaining.

- 7 • Defendants antitrust violations have caused a "competitive injury" to
8 the Relevant Market, including but not limited to foreclosing
9 nonunion contractors, higher labor costs, and a shortage of low cost
10 housing.

- 11 • The agreement Defendants sought from Icon (and obtained from other
12 developers) violates the NLRA and would have forced Icon to stop
13 doing business with nonunion contractors. The agreement Defendants
14 sought does not fall within the construction industry proviso of
15 Section 8(e) of the NLRA because there is no collective bargaining
16 relationship at issue, particularly where Icon has no employees for the
17 Unions to represent, and because Icon is not an "employer in the
18 construction industry."

19 Additionally, Icon seeks past and future damages resulting from Defendants'
20 anticompetitive and otherwise unlawful conduct in violation of federal antitrust
21 statutes and the Labor Management Relations Act, 29 U.S.C. § 187. Icon contends
22 it has suffered, continues to suffer, and will suffer harm related to increased labor
23 costs, project delays, and defending itself against the Unions' sham litigation
24 tactics, including but not limited to project carrying costs, lost opportunity costs,
25 lost profits and attorneys' fees.

26 Based on the above claims and issues in this case, Icon anticipates that
27 discovery of sensitive, confidential and proprietary business and financial
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1 information will be sought, such as: financial analyses of proposed development
2 projects (cost, revenue, margins, etc.); budget analyses of ongoing projects; profit
3 and loss statements; and construction plans and drawings containing confidential
4 design information. Disclosure of sensitive, confidential and proprietary business
5 and financial information in civil discovery should be done only under properly
6 fashioned protective orders. See, e.g., *Evolv Health, LLC v. Cosway USA, Inc.*,
7 2017 WL 3048651, at *2 n. 2 (C.D. Cal. Apr. 21, 2017) (a protective order
8 sufficiently addresses “concerns regarding the disclosure of proprietary
9 information”); *EFT Holdings, Inc. v. CTX Virtual Tech., Inc.*, 2016 WL 11519280,
10 at *3 (C.D. Cal. Nov. 3, 2016) (district courts allow “disclosure of financial
11 information in civil discovery under properly fashioned protective orders”).

12 DEFENDANTS’ STATEMENT: This case involves a collateral attack in
13 federal court on successful litigation by two unions (“Union Defendants”) against
14 Plaintiff’s development project for CEQA violations in Los Angeles Superior
15 Court and an attempt to convert Union Defendants’ efforts to resolve that dispute
16 (i.e. settlement-related discussions) into an anti-trust (and related LMRA Section
17 303, 29 U.S.C. Section 187) claim. It also involves an effort to uncover the Union
18 Defendants’ litigation and settlement strategy in connection with lawful petitioning
19 efforts—in administrative and judicial fora, as well as associated lobbying of
20 municipal officials—in an effort to impose damages and otherwise deter or
21 preclude the Union Defendants from engaging in such efforts. As such, whether
22 this issue is decided after preliminary, limited discovery in which the applicability
23 of Noerr-Pennington immunity to the dispute is—along with potentially dispositive
24 issues related to whether any alleged harm/injury/damages to Plaintiff arose solely
25 from this single proceeding—the key threshold legal issue (see *Franchise Realty*
26 *Interstate Corp. v. S.F. Local Joint Exec. Bd. of Culinary Workers*, 542 F.2d 1076,
27 1082 (9th Cir. 1976), or after a broader range of discovery, it is clear that facts

1 Plaintiff seeks to adduce relate to the Union Defendants' organizing, litigation and
2 strategies, including their political and other policy goals and their methodologies
3 for conducting their efforts to achieve them. These issues necessarily implicate
4 Union and other Defendants' trade secrets, attorney-client privilege, work product
5 privilege and other data which derives its value and efficacy from its non-public
6 nature, including the contents of the Union Defendants' agreements with other
7 entities (which may be of value to their competitors). Moreover, the damages and
8 injury issues Plaintiff must prove also likely implicate cost and other data related to
9 Plaintiff's development efforts that also derives its value from its non-public
10 nature.

11 The extensiveness of the need for a protective order here is further illustrated
12 by the following disputed issues:

13 • whether the agreement sought was within the construction industry
14 proviso of § 8(e) of the NLRA, 29 U.S.C.S. § 158(e), which turns in part on
15 decisions by the other party to the agreement with respect to its intended
16 involvement in the retention of workers and other labor relations
17 questions—matters that most employers would not want to make available to their
18 competitors and, possibly, might want to withhold from potential vendors in order
19 to obtain more competitive bids or other financial advantage:

20 • the scope of Plaintiff's injury, which turns on Plaintiff's cost and
21 other estimates and whether Plaintiff can show that an injury was incurred "by
22 reason of" the alleged § 8(b)(4) violation;

23 • what the Union Defendants' objectives are and how the Union
24 Defendants and their alleged agents went about trying to achieve them;

25 • the extent, if any, that the Union Defendants' actual objectives
26 correspond to the anti-competitive scheme alleged and whether the nature and
27 scope of those objectives is a proper predicate for anti-trust and labor law liability

1 or, instead, constitute fully lawful union objectives legally insulated from the
2 imposition of such liability;

3 • whether the Union Defendants' activities are the pursuit of a
4 legitimate labor objective immune from anti-trust scrutiny and, if not, whether they
5 are justified by a rule of reason, which, in itself, turns on internal business
6 decisions and calculations made by the Union Defendants; and
7 • whether the allegedly anti-competitive effects posed a dangerous
8 probability of obtaining a monopoly in the relevant market and constitute a
9 cognizable anti-trust injury.

10 Accordingly, to expedite the flow of information, to facilitate the prompt
11 resolution of disputes over confidentiality of discovery materials, to adequately
12 protect information the Parties are entitled to keep confidential, to ensure that the
13 Parties are permitted reasonable necessary uses of such material in preparation for
14 and in the conduct of trial, to address their handling at the end of the litigation, and
15 to serve the ends of justice, a protective order for such information is justified in
16 this matter. It is the intent of the Parties that information will not be designated as
17 confidential for tactical reasons and that nothing be so designated without a good
18 faith belief that it has been maintained in a confidential, non-public manner and
19 there is good cause why it should not be part of the public record of this case.

21 2. DEFINITIONS

22 2.1 Action: [this pending federal law suit]. [*Option: consolidated or
23 related actions.] The Icon at Panorama, LLC v. Southwest Regional Council of
24 Carpenters, et al., Case No. 2:19-CV-181-CBM (MRW), pending in the U.S.
25 District Court for the Central District of California.

26 2.2 Challenging Party: a Party or Non-Party that challenges the
27 designation of information or items under this Order.

1 I.—2.3 **“CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items:** information (regardless of
2 how it is generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for
3 protection under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), and as specified above in
4 the Good Cause Statement. ~~[Note: any request for a two-tiered,~~

5 ~~attorney eyes only protective order that designates certain material as~~
6 ~~“Highly Confidential” will require a separate and detailed showing of need.]~~

7 II.—2.4 **Counsel:** Outside Counsel of Record and House Counsel (as well as
8 their support staff).

9 III.—2.5 **Designating Party:** a Party or Non-Party that designates information
10 or items that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as
11 “CONFIDENTIAL.”

12 IV.—2.6 **Disclosure or Discovery Material:** all items or information, regardless
13 of the medium or manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained (including,
14 among other things, testimony, transcripts, and tangible things), that are produced
15 or generated in disclosures or responses to discovery in this matter.

16 V.—2.7 **Expert:** a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter
17 pertinent to the litigation who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as
18 an expert witness or as a consultant in this Action.

19 VI.—2.8 **House Counsel:** attorneys who are employees of a party to this
20 Action. House Counsel does not include Outside Counsel of Record or any other
21 outside counsel.

22 VII.—2.9 **Non-Party:** any natural person, partnership, corporation, association,
23 or other legal entity not named as a Party to this action.

24 VIII.—2.10 **Outside Counsel of Record:** attorneys who are not employees of a
25 party to this Action but are retained to represent or advise a party to this Action and
26 have appeared in this Action on behalf of that party or are affiliated with a law firm
27 which has appeared on behalf of that party, and includes support staff.

1 **IX.**—2.11 Party: any party to this Action, including all of its officers, directors,
2 employees, consultants, retained experts, and Outside Counsel of Record (and their
3 support staffs).

4 **X.**—2.12 Producing Party: a Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or
5 Discovery Material in this Action.

6 **XI.**—2.13 Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation
7 support services (e.g., photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or
8 demonstrations, and organizing, storing, or retrieving data in any form or medium)
9 and their employees and subcontractors.

10 **XII.**—2.14 Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is
11 designated as “CONFIDENTIAL.”

12 **XIII.**—2.15 Receiving Party: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery
13 Material from a Producing Party.

15 3. SCOPE

16 The protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order cover not only
17 Protected Material (as defined above), but also (1) any information copied or
18 extracted from Protected Material; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or
19 compilations of Protected Material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or
20 presentations by Parties or their Counsel, including during the course of
21 depositions and in correspondence between/among counsel, that might reveal
22 Protected Material.

23 Any use of Protected Material at trial will be governed by the orders of the
24 trial judge. This Order does not govern the use of Protected Material at trial.

26 4. DURATION

[POSSIBLE PARAGRAPH] Once a case proceeds to trial, all of the information that was designated as confidential or maintained pursuant to this protective order becomes public and will be presumptively available to all members of the public, including the press, unless compelling reasons supported by specific factual findings to proceed otherwise are made to the trial judge in advance of the trial. See Kamakana v. City and County of Honolulu, 447 F.3d 1172, 1180-81 (9th Cir. 2006) (distinguishing “good cause” showing for sealing documents produced in discovery from “compelling reasons” standard when merits related documents are part of court record). Accordingly, the terms of this protective order do not extend beyond the commencement of the trial.

[ALTERNATIVE POSSIBLE PARAGRAPH] Even after final disposition of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations imposed by this Order will remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees otherwise in writing or a court order otherwise directs. Final disposition will be deemed to be the later of (1) dismissal of all claims and defenses in this Action, with or without prejudice; and (2) final judgment herein after the completion and exhaustion of all appeals, rehearings, remands, trials, or reviews of this Action, including the time limits for filing any motions or applications for extension of time pursuant to applicable law.

5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

XIV.—5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection.

Each Party or Non-Party that designates information or items for protection under this Order must take care to limit any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate standards. The Designating Party must designate for protection only those parts of material, documents, items, or oral or written communications that qualify so that other portions of the material, documents, items, or communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept

unjustifiably within the ambit of this Order.

Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited.

Designations that are shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper purpose (e.g., to unnecessarily encumber the case development process or to impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the Designating Party to sanctions.

If it comes to a Designating Party's attention that information or items that it designated for protection do not qualify for protection, that Designating Party must promptly notify all other Parties that it is withdrawing the inapplicable designation.

XV.—5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in this Order (see, e.g., second paragraph of section 5.2(a) below), or as otherwise stipulated or ordered, Disclosure or Discovery Material that qualifies for protection under this Order must be clearly so designated before the material is disclosed or produced.

Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

XVI.-(a) for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic documents, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings), that the Producing Party affix at a minimum, the legend "CONFIDENTIAL" (hereinafter "CONFIDENTIAL legend"), to each page that contains protected material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins).

A Party or Non-Party that makes original documents available for inspection need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has indicated which documents it would like copied and produced. During the inspection and before the designation, all of the material made available for inspection will be deemed “CONFIDENTIAL.” After the inspecting Party has

1 identified the documents it wants copied and produced, the Producing Party must
2 determine which documents, or portions thereof, qualify for protection under this
3 Order. Then, before producing the specified documents, the Producing Party must
4 affix the “CONFIDENTIAL legend” to each page that contains Protected Material.
5 If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the
6 Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making
7 appropriate markings in the margins).

8 **XVII.** (b) for testimony given in depositions that the Designating Party
9 identify the Disclosure or Discovery Material to be designated as Confidential (i)
10 on the record, ~~before the close of the deposition all protected testimony during the~~
11 ~~deposition, or (ii) within thirty (30) calendar days of the receipt of the official~~
12 ~~transcript of the deposition, by providing the other Parties written notice of the~~
13 ~~page and line numbers of the transcript to be designated as Confidential.~~

14 **XVIII.** (c) for information produced in some form other than
15 documentary and for any other tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a
16 prominent place on the exterior of the container or containers in which the
17 information is stored the legend “CONFIDENTIAL.” If only a portion or portions
18 of the information warrants protection, the Producing Party, to the extent
19 practicable, will identify the protected portion(s).

20 **XIX.** 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent
21 failure to designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive
22 the Designating Party’s right to secure protection under this Order for such
23 material. Upon timely correction of a designation, the Receiving Party must make
24 reasonable efforts to assure that the material is treated in accordance with the
25 provisions of this Order.

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27 6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS
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1 ~~XX.~~—6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a
2 designation of confidentiality at any time that is consistent with the Court's
3 Scheduling Order.

4 ~~XXI.~~—6.2 Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party will initiate the dispute
5 resolution process (and, if necessary, file a discovery motion) under Local Rule
6 37.1 et seq.

7 6.3 The purpose of the meet and confer process is to resolve disputes
8 amicably. Accordingly, this Section 6.3 is not to be used as a weapon to intimidate
9 any party from making a good faith argument in conformity with applicable legal
10 and ethical standards. The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding
11 will be on the Designating Party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for an
12 improper purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on
13 other parties) may expose the Challenging Party to sanctions. Unless the
14 Designating Party has waived or withdrawn the confidentiality designation, all
15 parties will continue to afford the material in question the level of protection to
16 which it is entitled under the Producing Party's designation until the Court rules on
17 the challenge.

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19 7. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

20 ~~XXII.~~—7.1 Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is
21 disclosed or produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with this
22 Action only for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this Action. Such
23 Protected Material may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the
24 conditions described in this Order. When the Action has been terminated, a
25 Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of section 13 below (FINAL
26 DISPOSITION).

27 ~~XXIII.~~—Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving
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1 Party at a location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the
2 persons authorized under this Order.

3 **XXIV.**—7.2 Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items. Unless
4 otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a
5 Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated
6 “CONFIDENTIAL” only to:

7 **XXV.**(a) the Receiving Party’s Outside Counsel of Record in this Action, as
8 well as employees, including consultants, staffing agency employees and
9 independent contractors, of said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is
10 reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this Action;

11 **XXVI.**—(b) the officers, directors, and employees (including House
12 Counsel) of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for
13 this Action;

14 **XXVII.**—(c) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to
15 whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the
16 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

17 **XXVIII.**—(d) the Court and its personnel;

18 **XXIX.**—(e) court reporters and their staff;

19 **XXX.**—(f) professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors, and
20 Professional Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action
21 and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit
22 A);

23 **XXXI.**—(g) the author or recipient of a document containing the
24 information or a custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the
25 information;

26 **XXXII.**—(h) during their depositions, witnesses , and attorneys for
27 witnesses, in the Action to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary provided: (1)
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1 the deposing party requests that the witness sign the form attached as Exhibit A
2 hereto; and (2) they will not be permitted to keep any confidential information
3 unless they sign the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A),
4 unless otherwise agreed by the Designating Party or ordered by the court. Pages of
5 transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected
6 Material may be separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to
7 anyone except as permitted under this Stipulated Protective Order; and

8 **XXXIII.**—(i) any mediator or settlement officer, and their supporting
9 personnel, mutually agreed upon by any of the parties engaged in settlement
10 discussions.

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12 8. **PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED**
13 **IN OTHER LITIGATION**

14 **XXXIV.**—If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in
15 other litigation that compels disclosure of any information or items designated in
16 this Action as “CONFIDENTIAL,” that Party must:

17 **XXXV.**—(a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such
18 notification will include a copy of the subpoena or court order;

19 **XXXVI.**—(b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the
20 subpoena or order to issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material
21 covered by the subpoena or order is subject to this Protective Order. Such
22 notification will include a copy of this Stipulated Protective Order; and

23 **XXXVII.**—(c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought
24 to be pursued by the Designating Party whose Protected Material may be affected.

25 **XXXVIII.**—If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the
26 Party served with the subpoena or court order will not produce any information
27 designated in this action as “CONFIDENTIAL” before a determination by the

1 court from which the subpoena or order issued, unless the Party has obtained the
2 Designating Party's permission. The Designating Party will bear the burden and
3 expense of seeking protection in that court of its confidential material and nothing
4 in these provisions should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving
5 Party in this Action to disobey a lawful directive from another court.
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7 **9. A NON-PARTY'S PROTECTED MATERIAL SOUGHT TO BE**
8 **PRODUCED IN THIS LITIGATION**

9 **XXXIX.**—(a) The terms of this Order are applicable to information
10 produced by a Non-Party in this Action and designated as "CONFIDENTIAL."
11 Such information produced by Non-Parties in connection with this litigation is
12 protected by the remedies and relief provided by this Order. Nothing in these
13 provisions should be construed as prohibiting a Non-Party from seeking additional
14 protections.

15 **XL.**—(b) In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery request,
16 to produce a Non-Party's confidential information in its possession, and the Party
17 is subject to an agreement with the Non-Party not to produce the Non-Party's
18 confidential information, then the Party will:

19 **XLI.**—(1) promptly notify in writing the Requesting Party and the
20 Non-Party that some or all of the information requested is subject to a
21 confidentiality agreement with a Non-Party;

22 **XLII.**—(2) promptly provide the Non-Party with a copy of the
23 Stipulated Protective Order in this Action, the relevant discovery request(s), and a
24 reasonably specific description of the information requested; and

25 **XLIII.**—(3) make the information requested available for inspection by
26 the Non-Party, if requested.

27 **XLIV.**—(c) If all Parties so agree, the Non-Party, or a Party acting on

1 behalf of itself and the Non-Party, may seek a protective order from this Court by
2 submitting a Stipulation signed by all Parties and a proposed order, in lieu of filing
3 a noticed motion for a protective order pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 26(c). Otherwise,
4 the Non-Party must proceed by a noticed motion. If the Non-Party fails to seek a
5 protective order from this ~~court~~Court within 14 days of receiving the notice and
6 accompanying information, or such longer period of time as the Parties may agree,
7 the Receiving Party may produce the Non-Party's confidential information
8 responsive to the discovery request. If the Non-Party timely seeks a protective
9 order, the Receiving Party will not produce any information in its possession or
10 control that is subject to the confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before a
11 determination by the court. Absent a court order to the contrary, the Non-Party
12 will bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in this court of its Protected
13 Material. If all Parties so agree, the Non-Party may seek an order allocating the
14 expense of seeking protection in this court by submitting a Stipulation signed by all
15 Parties, in lieu of filing a noticed motion for such an order pursuant to F.R.Civ.P.
16 26(c).

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18 10. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

19 XLV. If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has
20 disclosed Protected Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized
21 under this Stipulated Protective Order, the Receiving Party must immediately (a)
22 notify in writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its
23 best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material, (c) inform
24 the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms
25 of this Order, and (d) request such person or persons to execute the
26 "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" that is attached hereto as Exhibit
27 A.

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2 11. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE
3 PROTECTED MATERIAL

4 **XLVI.**—When a Producing Party gives notice to Receiving Parties that
5 certain inadvertently produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other
6 protection, the obligations of the Receiving Parties are those set forth in Federal
7 Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This provision is not intended to modify
8 whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery order that provides for
9 production without prior privilege review. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence
10 502(d) and (e), insofar as the parties reach an agreement on the effect of disclosure
11 of a communication or information covered by the attorney-client privilege or work
12 product protection, the parties may incorporate their agreement in the stipulated
13 protective order submitted to the court.

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15 12. MISCELLANEOUS

16 **XLVII.**—12.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges
17 the right of any person to seek its modification by the Court in the future.

18 12.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to the entry of this
19 Protective Order no Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to
20 disclosing or producing any information or item on any ground not addressed in
21 this Stipulated Protective Order. Similarly, no Party waives any right to object on
22 any ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered by this Protective
23 Order.

24 **XLVIII.**—12.3 Filing Protected Material. A Party that seeks to file under
25 seal any Protected Material must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5. Protected
26 Material may only be filed under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing the
27 sealing of the specific Protected Material at issue. If a Party's request to file
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1 Protected Material under seal is denied by the court, then the Receiving Party may
2 file the information in the public record unless otherwise instructed by the court.
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4 **13. FINAL DISPOSITION**

5 **XLIX.**—After the final disposition of this Action, as defined in
6 paragraph 4, within 60 days of a written request by the Designating Party, each
7 Receiving Party must return all Protected Material to the Producing Party or
8 destroy such material. As used in this subdivision, “all Protected Material”
9 includes all copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries, and any other format
10 reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material. Whether the Protected
11 Material is returned or destroyed, the Receiving Party must submit a written
12 certification to the Producing Party (and, if not the same person or entity, to the
13 Designating Party) by the 60 day deadline that (1) identifies (by category, where
14 appropriate) all the Protected Material that was returned or destroyed and (2)
15 affirms that the Receiving Party has not retained any copies, abstracts,
16 compilations, summaries or any other format reproducing or capturing any of the
17 Protected Material. Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel are entitled to retain
18 an archival copy of all pleadings, motion papers, trial, deposition, and hearing
19 transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence, deposition and trial exhibits, expert
20 reports, attorney work product, and consultant and expert work product, even if
21 such materials contain Protected Material. Any such archival copies that contain or
22 constitute Protected Material remain subject to this Protective Order as set forth in
23 Section 4 (DURATION).

1 14. Any willful violation of this Order may be punished by civil or criminal
2 contempt proceedings, financial or evidentiary sanctions, reference to disciplinary
3 authorities, or other appropriate action at the discretion of the Court.
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6 IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.
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8 DATED: _____, 2020
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11 FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, IT IS SO ORDERED.

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13 DATED: _____

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15 HON. MICHAEL R. WILNER
16 United States Magistrate Judge

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EXHIBIT A

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

I, [redacted] [full name], of [redacted] [full address], declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court for the Central District of California on [date] in the case of [redacted] [insert case name and number]. I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.

I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Central District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action. I hereby appoint _____

[full name] of _____ [full address and telephone number] as my California agent for service of process in connection with this action or any proceedings related to enforcement of this Stipulated Protective Order.

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City and State where signed:

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